



October 19, 2007

Mr. Daniel C. Smith
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National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
Recall Management Division (NVS-215)
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Washington, D.C. 20590



Dear Mr. Smith:

The following information is submitted regarding a foreign field action that may be an "other safety campaign" within the meaning of 49 CFR Part 579.11. General Motors has decided to conduct a Special Coverage in corrosion areas of Canada involving certain 1999-2004 model year Chevrolet Tracker model vehicles.

This Special Coverage involves vehicles that were manufactured and sold outside of the United States. General Motors Corporation sold substantially similar vehicles in the United States. Please contact me if you have any further questions concerning this report.

Vehicles identified in this letter as "substantially similar" under the broad definition specified in 49 CFR Part 579, can have significant differences in design, performance, durability, etc. These vehicles may not be "substantially similar" except for purposes of reporting under 49 CFR Part 579.

Sincerely,

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Director

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2007-0005 Tracker Cross Member 579



GENERAL MOTORS CORPORATION**579.11 REPORT**

MANUFACTURER:	CAMI Automotive Inc.
MAKE:	Chevrolet
MODEL & YEAR:	Certain 1999-2004 Chevrolet Tracker model vehicles.
NUMBER OF VEHICLES:	21,837 Vehicles (Produced From August 1998 through May 2004).
ACTION TYPE DETERMINATION:	Special Coverage.
CONDITION:	<p>1999-2004 Chevrolet Tracker vehicles driven in areas where corrosion is substantial, including areas where salt is used extensively to control snow and ice, may experience corrosion of the front suspension crossmember. The corrosion may advance and cause rust-through perforation of the crossmember in the area of the left and/or right front lower control arm attachment brackets. As the corrosion progresses, the crossmember will become thinner and the perforations will grow in size. If there are a substantial amount of large perforations, the left and/or right front lower control arm attachment brackets will become weakened and begin to flex. If this occurs, the customer may notice front tire wobble, steering looseness, vehicle pull to one side during braking, front end noises (clunk, bang, rattle, etc), vehicle shaking, or steering wheel rotation when shifting from reverse to drive and drive to reverse.</p> <p>Corrosion may progress over time until the front lower control arm bracket separates from the crossmember.</p>
CORRECTION:	Special Coverage on cross member corrosion for 10 years / 150,000 miles on vehicles in Canadian Corrosion Areas.
DATE OF DETERMINATION:	October 12, 2007.
ACTION COMMENCED:	October 17, 2007.
COUNTRIES INVOLVED:	Canada.
SUBSTANTIALLY SIMILAR U.S. VEHICLE:	1999-2004 Chevrolet Tracker, 1999-2004 Suzuki Vitara, 1999-2005 Suzuki Grand Vitara, and 2001-2006 Suzuki XL-7.
COMMENT:	<p>General Motors is issuing a Special Coverage on cross member corrosion (using inspection procedure) for 10 years / 150,000 miles on 136,504 vehicles that are currently registered in, or that have ever been registered in Connecticut, Delaware, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Missouri, Minnesota, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Wisconsin, West Virginia, or the District of Columbia. If the crossmember shows signs of advanced corrosion or perforation caused by corrosion, the crossmember will be replaced with a modified cross member with improved corrosion protection. If the inspection indicates that the crossmember does not need replacement, the owner may bring the vehicle back to their dealer every 12 months for another inspection.</p>